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For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, IMAGE  
PROCESSING APPARATUS AND  
RECORDING MEDIUM STORING  
PROGRAM THEREFOR

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**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2005, the period for response being extended one (1) month to December 25, 2005 by the attached petition for extension of time, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

This Reply contains:

Amendments to the Specification;  
Claim set as amended;  
Abstract; and  
Remarks.